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ANNUAL CANDLELIGHT DINNER

Tuesday, March 16, 1982

Punch Party 6:30 p.m. Dinner 7 p.m.

at the Haddon Fortnightly

13.50 per person

catered by D.F. McCallister & Sons, Inc.

Reservations

Your check, payable to the "Historical Society of Haddonfield," should be sent before March 11 to

Mrs. William E. Moody
841 Edge Park Drive
Haddonfield, N.J. 08033
Phone: 428-2730

Your reservation will be held at the door.

THE SOCIETY'S ANNUAL CANDLELIGHT DINNER WILL FEATURE
"HADDONFIELD - THE TOWN WE LOVE"

By Mr. and Mrs. Edward M. Schmauder

Having lived in Haddonfield for almost forty years, Ed and Eleanor Schmauder speak of their town and its people with warmth and affection. They have translated their enthusiasm into a slide-tape presentation that highlights some of their favorite sites whose beauty and significance merit attention.

This kind of audio-visual record is becoming more and more

valuable as a local history resource. While it is good entertainment, it also captures an authentic picture of the community at a particular point in its history, and appropriately is taking its place in the libraries of local historical societies.

Enthusiastic world travelers, for at least twelve years the Schmauders have been putting together slide shows of their trips to France, Germany, Spain, Greece and Africa and the Orient. Generous in their service to others, they have shown their films to many local organizations and to the residents of many retirement homes in the area.

Although they started taking slides of Haddonfield some ten years ago, their Haddonfield show has just been completed, and will be presented for the first time at the Society's dinner on March 16. They collaborated on the production, with Ed serving as photographer and Eleanor providing the commentary.

Haddonfielders know Ed and Eleanor as active participants in community affairs. Eleanor served on the Board of Education for twelve years, and both she and Ed have contributed much to their church and to the many organizations with which they have been affiliated. Ed has recently retired as president of Columbia Carpet Mills in Philadelphia.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

A special welcome to the many new members who have joined the Society. The Woman's Committee deserve much credit for an extremely successful membership drive, culminating in their Annual Membership Tea on February 23.

A word of explanation for those concerned about membership cards. Due to the financial straits of the Society, a few years ago the Board of Trustees voted to discontinue cards. It was felt that the cancelled check was a receipt for dues paid. All events and meetings are duly publicized, and a card with dates of the Woman's Committee and Evening Group meetings is sent to all members.

A study is under way for further savings of fuel oil in the winter months.

On a happier note - our First Lady of the Society received the Jaycees' Citizen of the Year Award. The presentation took place at the Mayor's Breakfast, when Mayor John J. Tarditi presented a key to the Borough of Haddonfield to Mrs. Jesse G. Haydock.

Our congratulations for the award and to a very special lady on her 100th birthday. She shone with animation as she graciously greeted guests at her beautiful Birthday Tea.

Dorothy B. McGlade, President

HADDONFIELD'S FIFTY-YEAR-OLD CHERRY TREES

A beautiful harbinger of spring in Haddonfield is the flowering of the cherry trees in the park in front of the Haddonfield Public Library. This year marks the fiftieth anniversary of the planting of the cherry trees.

The trees were planted April 23, 1932, to honor George Washington during his bicentennial birthday year. The plan, proposed by the Borough Shade Tree Commission, was to be funded by local organizations. The Public Library approved of the planting "if the trees be so located as not to obscure the view of the library building from the juncture of Haddon Avenue and Tanner Street."

The original plan called for twelve cherry trees, but the response from local organizations must have been overwhelming. Fourteen cherry trees, four scarlet oaks and one white oak were planted. The Historical Society of Haddonfield donated one of the cherry trees.

Fifty years later, the cherry trees are fully grown. Very appropriately, their spectacular flowering season often coincides with National Library Week in April.

Douglas Rauschenberger, Director
Haddonfield Public Library

EDUCATION COMMITTEE SEMINAR SERIES

Seminar participants have registered, and our speakers have compiled their research for the Adult Seminar Program co-sponsored by the Society's Education Committee and the Haddonfield Adult School. This series is scheduled to begin March 1, and will run for six consecutive Monday evenings, from 8 to 10 p.m. at Greenfield Hall.

Believing that we possess many different sources of personal enrichment among our acquisitions at Greenfield Hall, the Education Committee has organized and tailored this program specifically for adults interested in learning more about their local heritage. Lecturers all are members of the Historical Society of Haddonfield. Courses are as follows:

1. INTRODUCTION TO HADDONFIELD. Caroline B. Moody
2. CARPENTERS, COOPERS & COBBLERS. Claire J. Driscoll
3. VICTORIAN COSTUMES OF GREENFIELD HALL. Mickey M. Mack
4. GREENFIELD HALL'S COOKWARE COLLECTION. Myra Kain
5. LOCAL MAPS AND SURVEYS. Joseph N. Hartel
6. FORMAL FURNITURE OF GREENFIELD HALL. Elizabeth A. Sapadin

Dianne Snodgrass, Chairperson

HELP!! Old muslin sheets are urgently needed to properly cover our wardrobe collection. If you have any sheets that you would be willing to contribute, please call Dianne Snodgrass at 428-6823, or leave the sheets at Greenfield Hall, marked with her name.

FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

Whose job is it to collect and preserve the records and artifacts of a living, changing community? How can they be made accessible to those whose need for local information can be met only at the local level? These are questions that confront historical societies and public libraries, as they make important policy decisions while facing the constraints of tighter budgets.

Consistent attention and hard work are needed to acquire, house and preserve historical materials. Making them available for use requires a substantial commitment of time, effort and money. In addition, an important goal for many societies is the establishment of an active teaching program to introduce children and adults to the rich heritage of their community.

What this means is that there is much to be done, and each member of the Historical Society of Haddonfield is needed. Won't you consider putting your talents to work, so that the treasures that we possess can be made ever more useful to more people?

Gladys Bewley, Editor

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